

The Twelve



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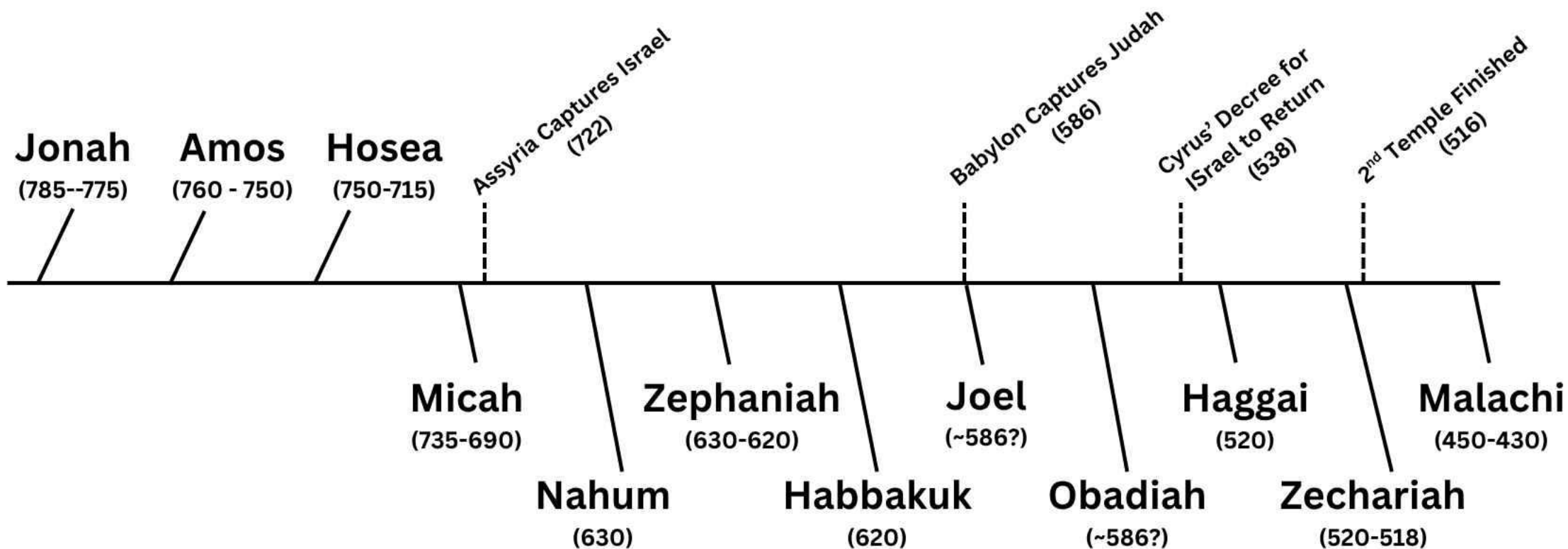
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A STUDY ON THE MINOR PROPHETS

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Prophets to Israel



Prophets to Judah

- Micah 1:1

“The word of the Lord which came to Micah of Moresheth in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and which he saw regarding Samaria and Jerusalem.”

- Jeremiah 26:18 (Micah 3:12) (100 years earlier)

“Micah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah; and he spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, ‘Thus the Lord of hosts has said, “Zion will be plowed as a field, And Jerusalem will become ruins, And the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.”’

- When: Judean kings Jotham (750-732 B.C.), Ahaz (732-715 B.C.), and Hezekiah (715-686 B.C.)
- Contemporaries: Isaiah, Hosea, Amos
- Who: To Samaria -Northern Kingdom-Israel (722) Assyria
Jerusalem-Southern Kingdom -Judah (586) Bablyon

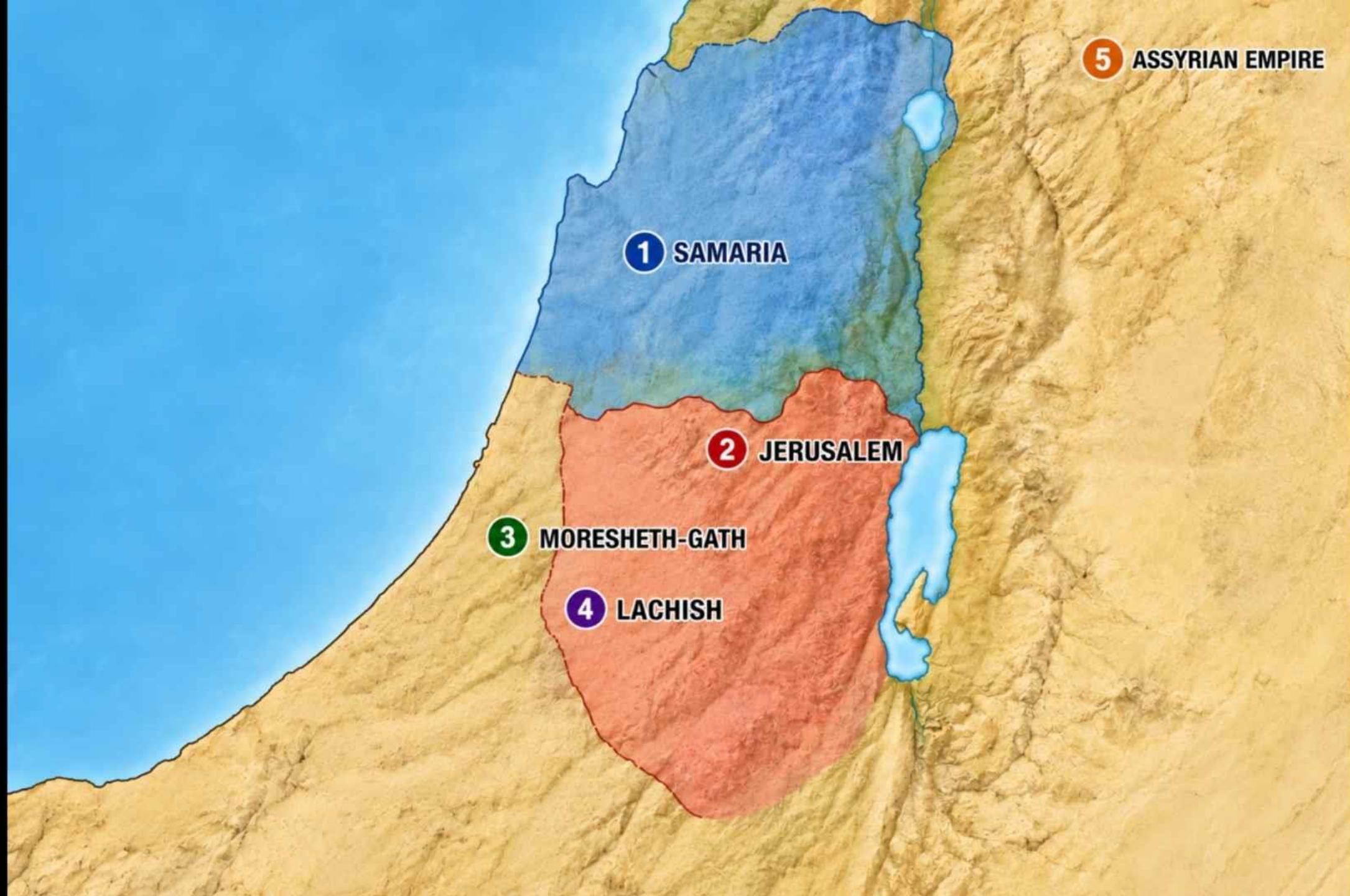
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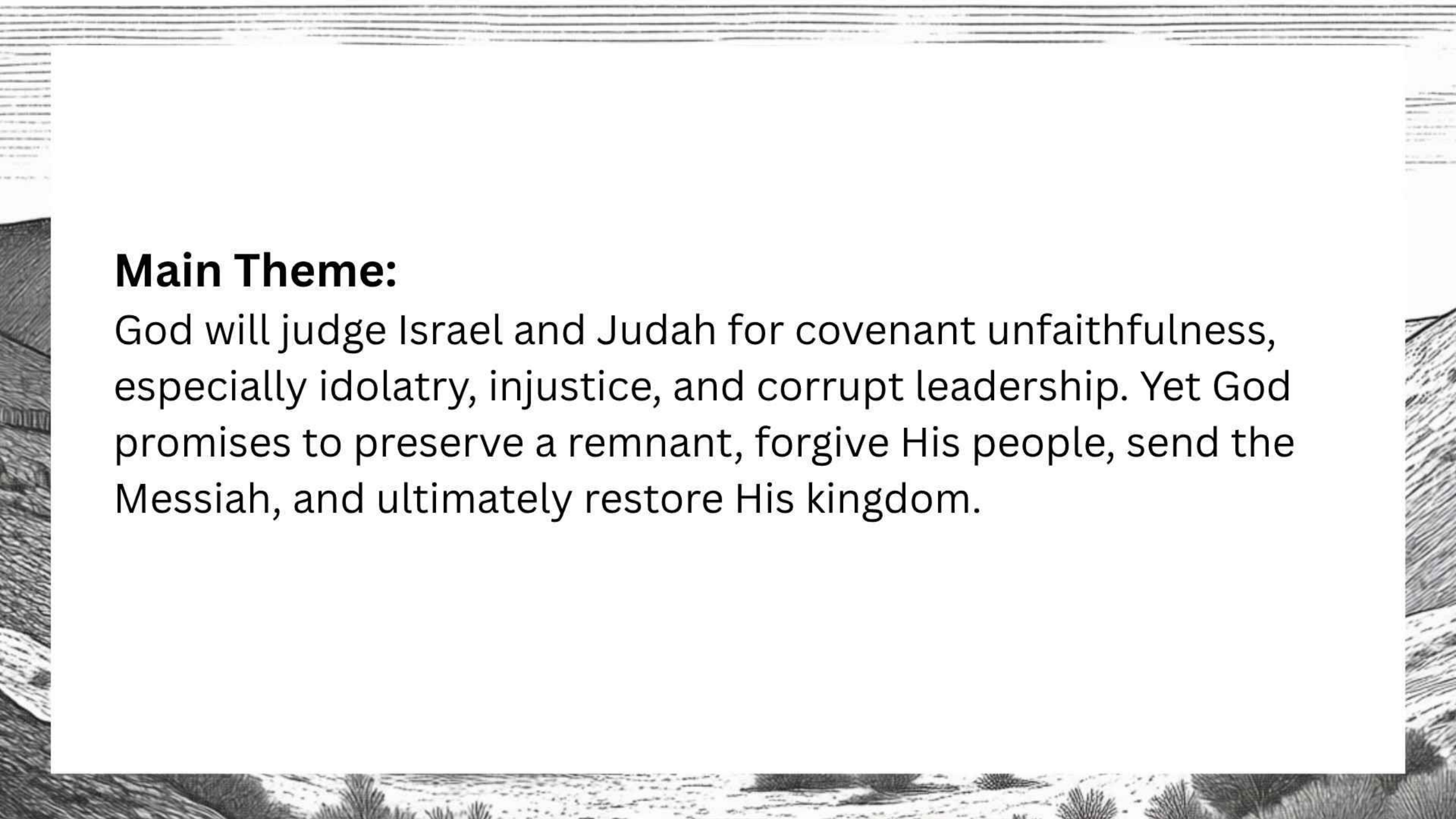
1 SAMARIA

2 JERUSALEM

3 MORESHETH-GATH

4 LACHISH





Main Theme:

God will judge Israel and Judah for covenant unfaithfulness, especially idolatry, injustice, and corrupt leadership. Yet God promises to preserve a remnant, forgive His people, send the Messiah, and ultimately restore His kingdom.

Outline: 3 Oracles

- The first oracle: Israel's impending judgment and future restoration 1:2–2:13
 - Micah 1:2 Hear, you peoples, all of you. Listen carefully, earth and all it contains. And may the Lord God be a witness against you,
- II. The second oracle: the guilt of Israel's leaders and her future hope chs. 3–5
 - Micah 3:1 “Hear now, you leaders of Jacob And rulers of the house of Israel:
- III. The third oracle: God's case against Israel and the ultimate triumph of His kingdom chs. 6–7
 - Micah 6:1 Hear now what the Lord is saying, “Arise, plead your case before the mountains, And let the hills hear your voice.

Micah 1:2-7

Micah 1:8-16

Micah mourns as God's judgment spreads from sinful Samaria into Judah, with town after town falling as it moves toward Jerusalem.

Micah 2:1-11

Micah condemns Judah's powerful leaders for greedily planning injustice, stealing homes and land, and rejecting God's truth, so God announces that judgment and exile are coming upon them.

Micah 2:12-13

“I will surely assemble all of you, Jacob, I will surely gather the remnant of Israel. I will put them together like sheep in the fold; Like a flock in the midst of its pasture They will be noisy with men. “The breaker goes up before them; They break out, pass through the gate and go out by it. So their king goes on before them, And the Lord at their head.”

1. Shepherd
2. Breaker
3. King (Micah 5:2)
4. Lord

Micah 3:1-4

“Hear now, you leaders of Jacob And rulers of the house of Israel.”

Micah 3:5-12

Because Israel's leaders corrupted prophecy, justice, and worship for money while falsely assuming God would protect them, God would remove His revelation and destroy Jerusalem.

Vs 8 Micah contrasts himself with the false prophets

Vss 9-12

Micah 4:1-8

4:1-4 Future Restoration

4:5 Immediate Response

4:6-8 Future Restoration and Remnant

Micah 4:1-8 brings together the principal features of the millennial kingdom:

The Messiah reigns from Jerusalem.

Israel is restored and regathered.

God's Word goes out to the nations.

The nations submit to God's instruction.

Warfare ends.

People enjoy peace and security.

The LORD reigns from Mount Zion forever.

Micah 4:9-13

Vss. 10-12

Vs. 13

Micah 5:1-5

“Now muster yourselves in troops, daughter of troops; They have laid siege against us; With a rod they will smite the judge of Israel on the cheek. “But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity.” Therefore He will give them up until the time When she who is in labor has borne a child. Then the remainder of His brethren Will return to the sons of Israel. And He will arise and shepherd His flock In the strength of the Lord, In the majesty of the name of the Lord His God And they will remain Because at that time He will be great To the ends of the earth. This One will be our peace. When the Assyrian invades our land, When he tramples on our citadels, Then we will raise against him Seven shepherds and eight leaders of men.

Bethlehem (Matthew 2:5-6)

This one will be our peace (Ephesians 2:14)

Micah 5:6-15

The Messiah will rescue, purify, empower, and vindicate His people while judging His enemies.

Micah 6:1-5

Vs. 1-The third Oracle

Vs. 2-God has a case against His people

God was good to them and they were unfaithful

Micah 6:6-8

With what shall I come to the Lord And bow myself before the God on high?
Shall I come to Him with burnt offerings, With yearling calves? Does the
Lord take delight in thousands of rams, In ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I
present my firstborn for my rebellious acts, The fruit of my body for the sin
of my soul? He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord
require of you But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with
your God?

They have treated the sacrifice as license

Micah 6:9-16

God's judgment against Jerusalem for combining religious profession with dishonesty, violence, and idolatry.

Micah 7:1-6

Micah laments because society is so corrupted by sin that trustworthy and godly people are extremely difficult to find.

Vs 6

For son treats father contemptuously, Daughter rises up against her mother, Daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; A man's enemies are the men of his own household.

Matthew 10:35–36

For I came to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and a man's enemies will be the members of his household

Micah 7:7-13

But as for me, I will watch expectantly for the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation. My God will hear me. Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy. Though I fall I will rise; Though I dwell in darkness, the Lord is a light for me. I will bear the indignation of the Lord Because I have sinned against Him, Until He pleads my case and executes justice for me. He will bring me out to the light, And I will see His righteousness. Then my enemy will see, And shame will cover her who said to me, "Where is the Lord your God?" My eyes will look on her; At that time she will be trampled down Like mire of the streets.

VS 11-12 Israel is restored

Micah 7:14-17

A Prayer

God shepherd your people again.

Micah 7:18-20

Who is a God like You, who pardons iniquity And passes over the rebellious act of the remnant of His possession? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in unchanging love. He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities underfoot. Yes, You will cast all their sins Into the depths of the sea. You will give truth to Jacob And unchanging love to Abraham, Which You swore to our forefathers From the days of old.

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